

Garfield Elementary School
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Vehicle Required: _yes _x_no
Driver's License Required: _yes _x_no
On bus route: _x_yes _no
Minutes from downtown Olympia: 5 minute drive
Auto Insurance Required: _yes _x_no

TITLE: Reading and Math Intervention Assistant

HOURS OF SERVICE: 8:30-5:00, M–F with some evening, compensatory, and weekend hours

SITE DESCRIPTION: Garfield Elementary School is located in the Washington State Capital city of Olympia, Washington. Our school serves approximately 360 students preschool through fifth grade and also houses a special education preschool program and an English Language Learner Center. Garfield serves a diverse population with 35 percent of students qualifying as ethnic or racial minorities. Thirty students qualify for ELL support and 59 percent of Garfield's students qualify for free or reduced lunch (meeting the federal standard for poverty). Garfield has a long history of being a neighborhood school and has many opportunities for parent/community involvement including the support of a strong and active PTA. Garfield's Diversity Committee (we are the only school in the district to have our own) works to implement programs to educate the Garfield staff and students about the rich mix of cultures in our school population and how this mix is a significant benefit to our school community. Olympia boasts stunning views of Mt. Rainier and the State Capital dome. Olympia is within two hours of mountain ranges, ocean beaches, and the great cities of Seattle and Portland.

SERVICE DESCRIPTION: Our AmeriCorps member will work with small groups of students to improve their reading and math skills, especially at the Kindergarten level. He/she will assist classroom teachers to address the range of abilities in the classroom as they differentiate instruction and teach alternative learning strategies, especially in the context of early childhood development and education. He/she will also help students experience more successful social interaction by helping with activities during recess and by mentoring students at risk concerning social interactions and making friends. The AmeriCorps member will implement family involvement activities throughout the year. There are many opportunities to be creative and to create activities and opportunities for students and families.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES AND RELATED TASKS:

- Be a role model for students
- Develop and implement family involvement activities
- Lead reading and/or math groups
- Meet weekly with supervisor
- Support the success of all students
- Recruit and support volunteers for our reading and math intervention program
- Initiate and maintain community involvement opportunities

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- **Applicants should have experience and/or interest in working with elementary age school children.**
- **Applicants should be able to follow the policy of the school being a drug, alcohol and violence free zone.**